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they say that nobody raised any objection. Let them announce among the convicts that particular portion and then see whether they object or not. I want to know whether Government are going to do that or not?"

[For further supplemental questions and answers please see page 370 infra after question No. 172.]

Mr. Neelakanta Brahmachari.

* 162 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. Neelakanta Brahmachari convicted at the Madras High Court Sessions in the year 1922 is still a prisoner in any jail in this Presidency and to give a list of all the jails in which he was or has been living with periods of stay in each jail;

(b) if he is not in any jail in this Presidency now, when he was released or transferred to any jail in any other Province, for what reasons, under whose orders and under what circumstances;

(c) whether he was sick at any time in any jail in this Presidency and if so, for what periods, and what the illness was; and

(d) whether the questions of his health had anything to do with his release or transfer, if any, and whether his relations had any notice of his illness at any time or of the release or transfer if any?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the reply to question No. 43.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"Sir, on the former occasion, this question was answered, but not in detail. With reference to (b), we have got to know why he was sent to another Province, for what reasons, under whose orders and in what circumstances. These points have not been answered on the former occasion. May I know the reason why this Brahmachari was sent away to another province and under what circumstances?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I have not before me the answer to question No. 43. But as regards (b), if it has not been already answered, I may mention the reason why Mr. Brahmachari was transferred from the jail of this Presidency to a jail elsewhere, was that it was thought that he was exercising or was likely to exercise a bad influence on the prisoners in jails here"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"What was there in the conduct of this convict which led Government to think that he was exercising or was likely to exercise a very bad influence?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"The whole history of his case."

Mr. T ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Is it the previous history before he came to jail or the history during the period of his incarceration?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"His whole history from the time of his arrest"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Will his removal have a very beneficial effect on the prisoners in the other jail?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"That was the object. We are acting in the interests of the other prisoners in the jails."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"What sort of beneficial effect?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"It will avoid exposing others in the jail to deteriorating influences."